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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN THE PATENT APPLICATION OF:**

APPLICANT : **ROBERT W. JONES**  
APPL. NO. : **10/751,510**  
FILED : **January 6, 2004**  
FOR : **GUTTER FOAM FILTER**

ART UNIT : **1723**  
EXAMINER : **J. DRODGE**

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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Robert W. Jones, declare that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.
  
2. Prior to July 29, 2003, I completed in this country, the invention described and claimed in the subject application as evidenced by, but not limited to, the following:
  - a. Prior to July 29, 2003, having earlier conceived the idea of a GUTTER FOAM FILTER, I submitted to The United States Patent and Trademark Office, on or about December 12, 2001, a Provisional Patent Application, titled "Plastic Mesh or Foam for Gutters", which included, *inter alia.*, a drawing figure and description of my

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invention. I received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, a date stamped return post card for Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/339,307. See Exhibit A.

b. On or about January 30, 2002, I placed an order for the purchase of materials to further develop my invention, as evidenced by the Invoice from New Dimension Industries, at One State Street, Moonachie, NJ 07074-1402. See Exhibit B.

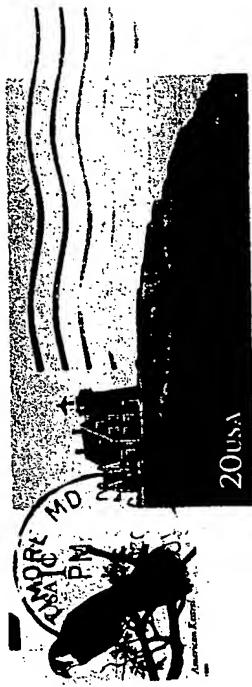
c. On or about March 19, 2003, I prepared and presented a disclosure of my invention to Litman Law Offices, Ltd., for the purposes of having a preliminary patentability search conducted. The disclosure included a written description of my invention, and a model of my invention, as evidenced by the copy of the Litman Law Offices Ltd.'s "Confidential Record of Invention & Patent Search Request Form" and a date-stamped routing slip form attached thereto. See Exhibit C.

d. On or about December 16, 2003, I visited Litman Law Offices, Ltd for the purposes of having a utility patent application prepared for my invention, as evidenced by the copy of the Litman Law Offices Ltd.'s "Patent Application Request Form", "T-Com" and a date-stamped routing slip form attached thereto. See Exhibit D.

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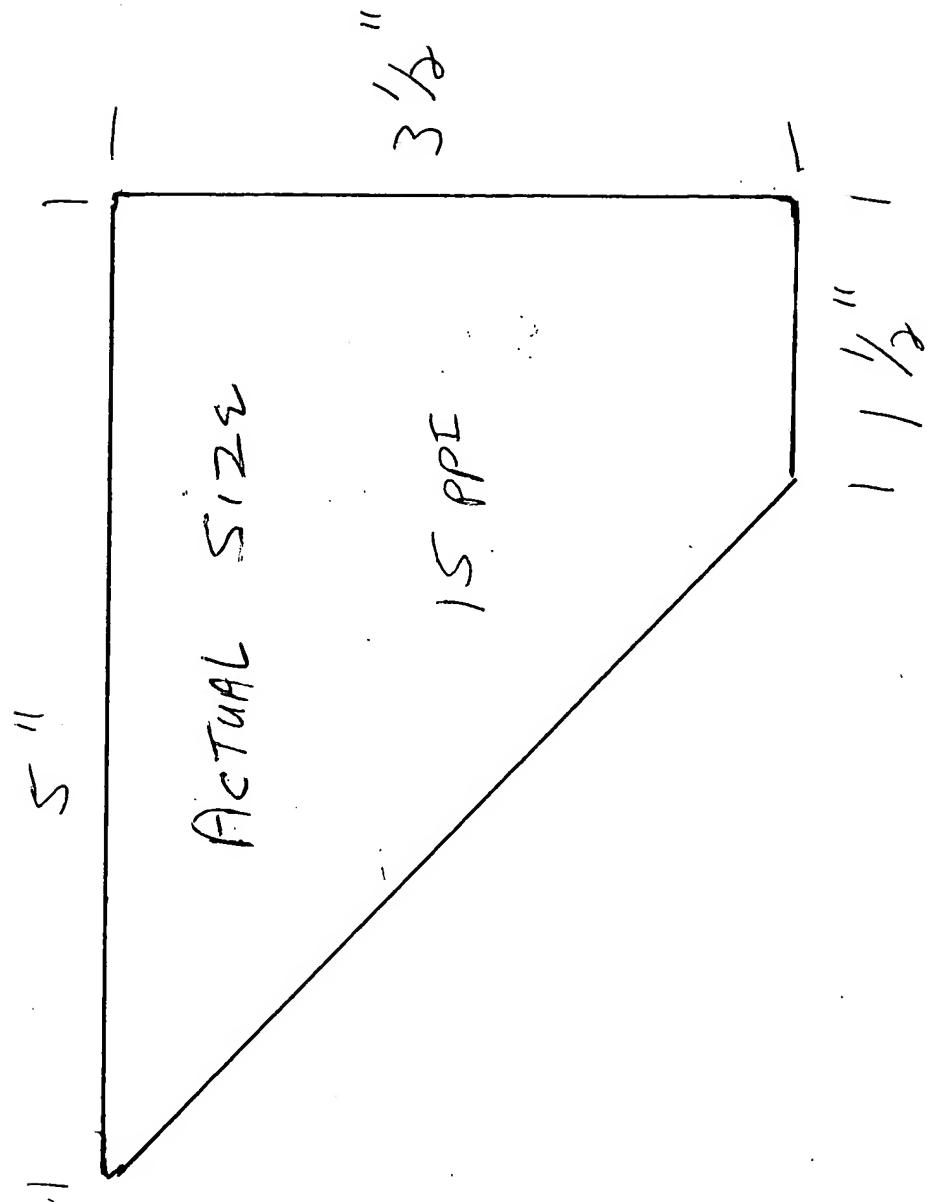


1 - drawing  
1 - Cover Sheet  
1 - description  
1 - Provisional Application  
1 - \$ 80.00 Fee  
TITLE : Plastic Gutter Mesh

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60/339307  
12/12/01



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PLASTIC MESH OR FORM FOR GUTTERS

1. PLASTIC MESH OR FORM CUT TO SIZE AND LENGTH  
TO FIT IN EXISTING RAIN GUTTERS ON HOUSES OR  
BUILDINGS TO BE INSERTED IN THE GUTTER TO  
PREVENT LEAVES AND DEBRIS FROM ENTERING GUTTER.

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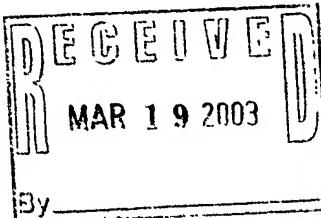
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Name: Jones

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General Description: Gutter Foam Filter

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Key Words: House - Home - Gutter - Filter - Shield - Guard  
Protect

Type of Search:

U.S.

Foreign

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## INFORMATION ON YOUR INVENTION

What is the purpose of your invention and who would use it?

THE PURPOSE IS TO FILTER OUT LEAVES, PINE CONES, ACORNS, PINE NEEDLES, DEBRIS, ETC. FROM HOME & BUSINESS GUTTERS FOR <sup>HOMEST</sup> BUSINESS

Describe your invention, including how it functions.

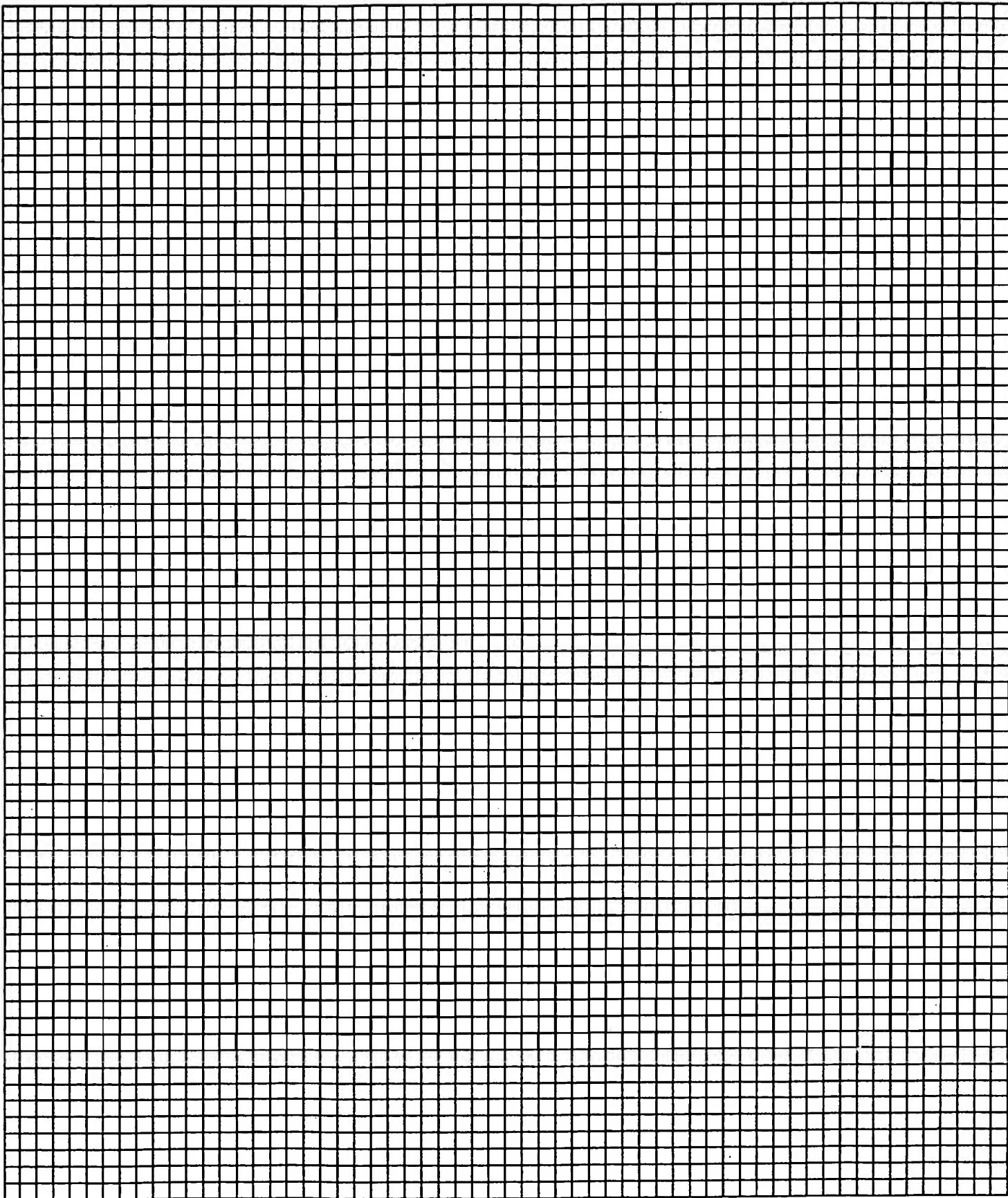
THE INVENTION IS A FOAM FILTER FOR HOME AND BUSINESS GUTTER — FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE. THE FOAM AS A FILTER IS CELLULOSE EXTRUDED TAPERED AT AN ANGLE TO ALLOW EASY PASSAGE FOR WATER THRU THE BURDEN'S FORM AND TO THE DOWNSPOUT. IT FILLS THE GUTTER TOTAL FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER THAT STOPS ALL DEBRIS FROM ENTERING GUTTER WHILE LETTING WATER THRU. IT'S VERY LIGHT WEIGHT AND DURABLE. THE FOAM IS EASY TO INSTALL OR TAKE OUT IN THE EVENT IT NEEDED TO BE CLEANED.

What are the unique features and benefits of your invention?

IT IS EXTRUDED FOAM (POLY-ETHER) 10-20 CELLS PER SQ. INCH, BLACK IN COLOR. IT FILL THE GUTTER FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND END TO END. IT IS SUPPORTED IN THE BACK @ THE BOTTOM OF THE GUTTER, CUT AT ANGLE ON THE FRONT SIDE OF GUTTER TO ALLOW AN EMPTY SPARE FOR WATER TO PASS TO DOWNSPOUT.

## **SKETCHES & DRAWINGS**

Please provide a rough sketch of your invention. Feel free to attach photographs or other drawings of your invention. ***Models should only be sent if specifically requested.***



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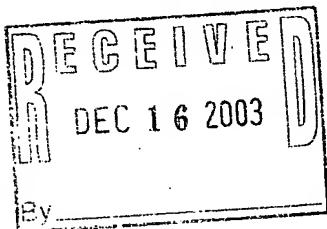
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